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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-76771, which was published on
June 22, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note
that this document is mentioned on page 3 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-167803, which was published
on June 22, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants
note that this document is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the present
application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-192774, which was published
on July 28, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants
note that this document is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present
application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,709,783 to OGATA et al., which issued on March 23, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0004461 to HAMADA et al., which was published on January 8, 2004; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0211384 to HAMADA et al., which was published on November 13, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/785,989 to KIMOTO, entitled "Cooling Device for Battery Pack," which was filed on February 26, 2004; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/806,285 to KIMOTO, entitled "Battery Pack Apparatus," which was filed on March 23, 2004.

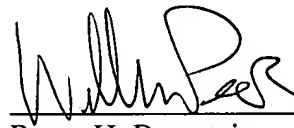
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-noted applications are attached. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file

wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

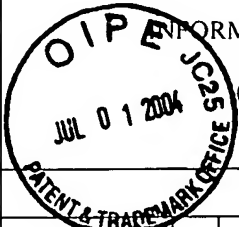
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